

EXHIBIT 10

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

2 WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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4 **BLACK LOVE RESISTS IN THE RUST, ET AL.,**
5 **INDIVIDUALLY AND ON BEHALF OF A CLASS OF**
6 **ALL OTHERS SIMILARLY SITUATED,**

7 Plaintiffs,

8 -vs-

1:18-cv-00719-CCR

9 **CITY OF BUFFALO, N.Y., ET AL.,**

10 Defendants.
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12 **EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL**

13 **OF MAYOR BYRON BROWN**

14 **APPEARING REMOTELY FROM**

15 **ERIE COUNTY, NEW YORK**

16
17 November 6th, 2023

18 At 9:00 a.m.

19 Pursuant to notice
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—MAYOR BYRON BROWN—

1 Q. Okay. Mayor Brown, are you familiar with a
2 BPD unit that was called the Strike Force?

3 A. Yes, I am.

4 Q. Was that a major policy decision of the BPD,
5 the creation of the Strike Force?

6 A. Yes, it was. I think clearly the police
7 department was trying to respond to vehicle
8 and traffic complaints of residents and that
9 was the impetus for the establishment of that
10 unit.

11 Q. Your testimony today is that the impetus for
12 the establishment of the Strike Force was
13 traffic safety concerns?

14 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Form.

15 Q. Please respond verbally.

16 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: He's thinking about
17 his response.

18 A. Yes. There have been major traffic safety
19 concerns in the City of Buffalo. Residents
20 very concerned about people going through stop
21 signs, going through traffic signals, speeding
22 in their neighborhoods, endangering children
23 and seniors and concerns about the playing of

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—MAYOR BYRON BROWN—

1 loud music by vehicles in neighborhoods.

2 Q. The Strike Force was created during your time
3 as mayor, correct?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. How would you describe your involvement, if
6 any, in its creation?

7 A. I wasn't involved in the creation. It was a
8 recommendation of the police department to
9 address these concerns, primarily traffic
10 related, and the Strike Force was established
11 to address the concerns that residents had.

12 Q. And is your testimony today that the primary
13 mission of the Strike Force was attending to
14 traffic concerns?

15 MR. SAHASRABUDHE: Objection to form.

16 A. The mission of the Strike Force in its
17 creation was to deal with vehicle and traffic
18 concerns related to speeding, dangerous
19 driving, going through stop signs, traffic
20 signals, speeding through neighborhoods,
21 speeding past schools, yes.

22 Q. Okay. And I remind you, Mayor, that you're
23 under oath today.

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